

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following paragraph to the patent application at page 2, line 7:

The invention is directed to improving extraction of component(s) of interest from heaps, and involves remedial treatment of a selected portion or portions of the heap. For purposes of discussion herein, the invention is exemplified by a preferred application of the invention involving treatment of heaps comprising metal-containing mineral material for extraction of the metal of interest. In ~~it's~~its broadest sense, however, the invention is not so limited and is applicable also to treatment of heaps in which the object is to extract some other material, such as for example, a mineral or a compound.